

engineering firm on the Delmarva Peninsula. The firm, which employs about 50 people, specializes in water and wastewater treatment systems and devotes 80 percent of its time to engineering projects. In 1993, George, Miles & Buhr received Engineering Excellence Awards from both ACEC and CEC/MD for its design of a biological nutrient removal demonstration plant at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant in Baltimore.

In addition to his professional achievements, Jim is a most dedicated and effective public servant.

His pro bono work on a crisis center for battered spouses earned him the honor of Rotarian of the Year in 1995. He is currently a director of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Jim has served as president of the board at Trinity United Methodist Church and as a member of the boards of the Peninsula Regional Medical Center, the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, and the Salisbury-Wicomico Economic Development Corp. He has also been a long-time supporter of the Holly Center Foundation for the severely retarded.

As a parent and strong supporter of the public school system, Jim has served as president of the PTA's of both Fruitland Elementary and Bennett Middle Schools, where he and his wife, Kaye, sent their three children Andy, Tricia, and Betsy. For his efforts, the Maryland PTA gave Jim the Gold Seal Award.

Jim also has been honored by the Governor's Salute to Excellence. Both the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore and the Holly Center Foundation have named him Volunteer of the Year. These honors are only a sampling of the many he has received in a lifetime of stellar community service.

A native of Cambridge, MD, and a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he earned his B.S. in civil engineering, the Salisbury community is truly fortunate to have claimed Jim Thomas for its own.

As ACEC's next president, Jim follows in the footsteps of another Marylander, Andrew J. Parker Jr., who was ACEC president from 1990-91. Liking the ACEC position to that of CEO of a large corporation—without the pay—Parker praised the leadership abilities of his Salisbury colleague last week.

Mr. President, in a newspaper interview, Jim Thomas said that his activism in ACEC is rooted in a desire "to give something back" to the profession. Clearly, he has already done so and, now, as president of the ACEC, he will have a further opportunity to make a contribution. It is gratifying to see him accorded this national recognition. I wish him continued success in this, and all of his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO GERALDINE SYLVESTER ON HER RETIREMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute

to Geraldine Sylvester of Dover on her retirement after 25 years of service to Dover and the State of New Hampshire. Geraldine has ended a distinguished career as a State health leader, city councilor, businesswoman, educator and mother.

Gerry has been my friend for more than a decade. She grew up in Milton and graduated from Nute High School. She and her husband Bob raised 5 daughters and 2 sons and now have 16 grandchildren.

Geraldine served seven consecutive terms as a Dover city councilor beginning in 1970. In 1974-75 she also served as mayor. Geraldine officially retired as director of New Hampshire's Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention in December 1996, which was the single State authority for substance abuse problems in New Hampshire. Geraldine was appointed to this post in 1983 by former Gov. John Sununu, and continued her service under Governors Judd Gregg and Steve Merrill.

Gerry is a woman of many talents who approaches any challenge with determination. She served in miscellaneous local, State, and Federal positions, such as the National Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Mental Health Problems. In 1980 she was a delegate to the National Republican Convention, chairwoman of the New Hampshire Small Business Advisory Council in 1978, and from 1976 to 1981 she became trustee of the New Hampshire Youth Development Center.

Gerry and Bob are also humanitarians. Their compassion is illustrated in the fact that, for 12 years, the Sylvester home was a group home for physically and emotionally distraught minors in the seacoast of New Hampshire.

Gerry and Bob founded GFS Manufacturing in 1971 in the garage of their house. Through the energy, dedication, and drive of Gerry and her family, the business grew and prospered. In 1978 they were named citizens of the year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. President, Geraldine Sylvester has dedicated her time, talent, and energy to serving the residents of Dover in an exemplary way. I am proud to honor her outstanding community commitment, which is so important to the future and prosperity of Dover. We are indeed indebted to Gerry for her efforts. I thank her for her 25 years of dedicated service, commend her for an extraordinary job and say that I am privileged to call her my friend. I wish her every happiness and health for the years to come as she embraces retirement.●

THE GOOD WORK OF FOUR BIG TIMBER GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I am very proud today to tell my colleagues in the Senate about four students from my home State of Montana: Ariel Over-

street, Amber Overstreet, Lindsey Hauge, and Taylor Gray. These young Montanans won first place in two separate NASA-sponsored national contests. Ariel took first place in the Intergalactic Art Contest in which she had to draw an original piece of art. Amber, Lindsey, and Taylor made up a team that took first place in the Future Aircraft/Spacecraft design competition. I congratulate them on their achievements.

These students have proven what most of us in Montana have known all along. Montana students are some of the brightest and best educated students in the country. And while we are proud of our students, we know that a lot of the credit must go to devoted teachers like Rolland Karlin and concerned parents like Anne Overstreet. These are the people behind the scenes who make sure that the education our children receive is top-notch.

Ariel, Amber, Lindsey, and Taylor are now visiting Washington, as part of their award. I was pleased to have a chance to meet them. They are fine representatives of Montana and their community of Big Timber.

Later on in their trip, these four youngsters will be visiting NASA's space camp. I hope that the opportunity to view NASA technology up close will feed their active minds.

Congratulations Ariel, Amber, Lindsey, and Taylor. I hope you enjoy your trip. And that you never lose your desire to achieve your dreams.●

ORDER FOR MEASURE TO BE PRINTED—S. 104

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 104, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, as passed by the Senate on April 15, 1997, be printed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING SUICIDE AS A NATIONAL PROBLEM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 84, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 84) recognizing suicide as a national problem, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.